(ख) और (ग) हालांकि, शत-प्रतिशत कार्यकुशलता दर व्यावहारिक नहीं है, तथापि ऐसे सभी प्रयास किए जाते हैं कि मदों के निपटान में विलम्ब कम से कम हों। शिकायतों के विश्लेषण से यह पता चला है कि विलम्ब मुख्यतः रेलवे और एयरलाइंस जैसी डाक-परिवहन एजेंसियों के कारण होता है। विलम्ब का एक नगण्य प्रतिशत निःसंदेह डाक-सेवा में निहित दोषों के कारण भी है। ऐसे सभी मामलों में अनिवार्यतः सुधारात्मक कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Splitting of Indian Telephone Industries

2504. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to split Indian Telephone Industries and to bring about major changes in the Hinustan Cables Corporation by way of reforms;

(b) if so, whether the transformation plan for the Hindustan Cable Corporation is progressing as per schedule; and

(c) if so, what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir, there is no proposal of the Government to Split Indian Telephone Industries. Regarding Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL), in order to meet the challenges of fast product obsolescence, HCL. has already un. dertaken certain product reconversion schemes.

(b) and (c) The implementation for HCL is progressing satisfactorily. HCL is also contemplating to diversify its range *ot* product by taking up certain new projects and necessary, steps are being taken towards this end.

Permission to allow private sector to install and operate rural and automatic Telephone Exchanges (RAXs)

2505. SHRI MATANG SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Department of Communications has decided to allow private sector to install and operate rural automatic telephone exchanges (RAXs);

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision taken along with the proposals under consideration/approved, so far;

(c) what are the details of steps being taken during the Eighth Five Year Plan for development of Telecommunications network-both in Public and Private sector separately, with details of order of investment proposed state-wise and the number of villages to be covered; and

(d) what steps are being taken to attain self-reliance in telecommunication equipment|machinery and develop export potential in the next 5 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM); (a) Proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 23946 Crores for 8th Five Year Plan of the Department of Telecommunications against the funds requirement of Rs. 40555 Crores for providing 75 lakhs new telephone connections and public telephones in about 3.8 Lakh villages. Options to raise the balance resources are under examination, but the expected additionally of resources cannot be quantified at this stage.